

TULSA ROSE GARDEN
(Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden)
2101 South Peoria Avenue
Tulsa
Tulsa
Oklahoma

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Location: 2101 S. Peoria Ave, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
Lat: 36.130579 Long: -95.974749

Significance: Tulsa Rose Garden, a 4.5 acre section of the Woodward Park Complex in Tulsa, Oklahoma was designed in the Italian Renaissance style by landscape architect C. Burton Fox and constructed as a project of the Works Projects Administration in 1934 and 1935. Today, it serves as an important cultural landscape for the citizens of Tulsa and Oklahoma.

History: Tulsa Rose Garden's 4.5 acre site has around 250 different varieties of roses and around 5,000 actual rose plants along with junipers, deciduous holly, and magnolias. There are five terraces sectioned out along a 900 foot stretch of a gently sloping hill that are divided by stone walls covered in ivy and connected by steps. In addition, each terrace has either a pool or fountain.

Designed by landscape architect C. Burton Fox in the Italian Renaissance style, the garden was built during a span from 1934 to 1935 by hand laborers and horses from the WPA. Over the years, it has received numerous awards, including honors from Better Homes and Gardens, the National Council of Garden Clubs, and Great Gardens of America.

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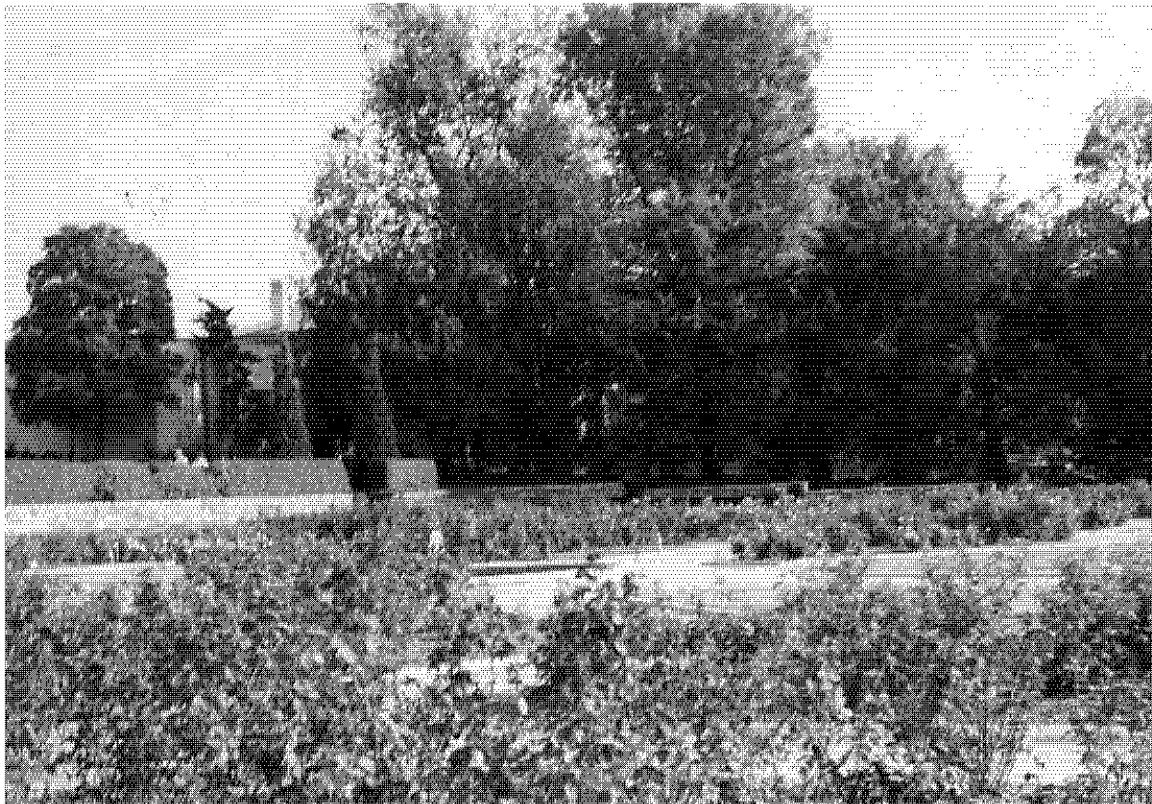
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View of terraces sloping down toward Peoria Avenue (Steve Eilers, 2009).

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View facing the west from Peoria Avenue (Steve Eilers, 2009).